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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 23 November 2007 on the above-identified application. Please amend the application as set forth herein.

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